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SUBJECT: VELASCO REPEATS ALLEGATIONS THAT GOP EXPELLED U.S. DIPLOMATS

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1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE JANUARY 29 TOWARDS END OF  
PRESIDENT VELASCO'S MARATHON PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. Q: " YOU STATED THAT TWO OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
LEFT THE COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY WERE SUSPECTED OF BELONGING TO THE  
CIA. . .A MAGAZINE (CARETAS) HAS ATTEMPTED TO DENY YOUR  
STATEMENTS. IT HAS SAID THAT ONE OF THE OFFICIALS RETURNED  
(AN ALLUSION TO AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA'S VISIT TO PERU DURING 1974)  
AND THAT GENERAL MONTAGNE OFFERED THEM A BANQUET ALTHOUGH  
GENERAL MONTAGNE HAS DENIED THIS. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS  
MAGAZINE'S OPINION?"

3. A: AFTER DESCRIBING CARETAS AS "THE SEWER OF THE OLD SYSTEM,"  
VELASCO STATE "THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT FORCED THE  
AMERICAN EMBASSY TO REMOVE WITHIN A FIXED TIME LIMIT THE NUMBER  
TWO MAN IN THE EMBASSY, WHO WAS SIRACUSA, AND ANOTHER MAN--  
SOMEONE NAMED ORTIZ... AND THIS WAS TO BE  
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DONE QUIETLY IN ORDER TO AVOID RAISING A STIR BEACUSE

WE WERE QUARRELING SO MUCH WITH THE U.S. AND INTERNALLY  
THE REVOLUTION HAD A SERIES OF PROBLEMS. WE THOUGHT THAT IT  
WAS BETTER NOT TO PUBLISH THIS NEWS IN ORDER TO AVOID AGGRAVATING  
FURTHER THE PROBLEMS. AND IT WAS DONE, THESE MEN LEFT HERE.  
IT TURNS OUT THAT I READ SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT MONTAGNE  
HAD GIVEN A BANQUET TO SIRACUSA BUT HAPPILY MONTAGNE HAS  
DENIED THIS. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE LAST ISSUE (OF THE MAGAZINE)  
SAID THAT IT WASN'T MONTAGNE BUT WAS AMBASSADOR DEUSTUA,  
WHO AT THE TIME WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
I HAVE JUST LEARNED THIS. NATURALLY, IAM GOING TO  
INVESTIGATE THIS. I AM GOING TO SEE IF IT IS TRUE. IF I  
HAD KNOWN IT AT THE TIME, WE WOULD HAVE TOSSEDTHIS MAN OUT  
OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, FOR WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS DECIDING  
TO KICK OUT THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE THEY WERE ANTI-  
PERUVIAN AND UNDESIRABLE, THERE WAS NO RIGHT FOR THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL TO BE GIVING A BANQUET, WHICH AMOUNTED TO AN AFFRONT.  
IT IS STRANGE THAT OTHER PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW OF IT. IT IS A  
RARITY. IT HAS BEEN HIDDEN.; IT IS A CRIME. I HAVE JUST  
LEARNED BUT I AM GOING TO HAVE THIS INVESTIGATED AND IF IT IS  
TRUE, THIS MAN IS GOING TO BE DISMISSED  
- I MEAN GENTLEMAN,  
BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW YET WHETHER IT IS TRUE. CURRENTLY HE IS  
AN AMBASSADOR, I DON'T KNOW WHERE, SOMEWHERE UP NORTH."

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR DEUSTUA IS PRESENTLY PERU'S AMBASSADOR  
TO CANADA. VELACO'S FREE-WHEELING REMARKS COME FROM A TAPE MADE  
AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY WERE DELETED FROM THE OFFICIAL  
TRANSCRIPT RELEASED BY THE PRESIDENCY AND PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL  
GOVERNEMNT-CONTROLLED PRESS. MANY OF VELASCO'S OTHER EXTRAORDINARY  
REMARKS AFFECTING PERUVIAN FOREIGN POLICY WERE ALSO CONSORED.  
FOR EXAMPLE, VELASCO TOLD A SOVIET CORRESPONDENT THAT THE PRC  
WOULD COME TO RULE THE WORLD AND THAT THE CHINESE WOULD GOBBLE  
UP THE RUSSIANS LIKE ANTICUCHOS (SHISH KABOBS). VELASCO'S COMMENTS  
ABOUT THE USSR WILL BE SENT BY SEPTEL.

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